I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR PARENTS HAD NO POWER IFOCA.
Y YES...
SOMETIMES A DIVINE ARTIST WILL BE BORN TO PEOPLE WITH NO POWER
USUALLY THE CHILD IS GIVEN TO A FAMILY OF DIVINE ARTISTS BUT I...
WHY?
WELL... UM, DIVINE ARTISTS TEND TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THOSE WITHOUT POWER
I WANTED TO HELP MY PARENTS, SO I DECIDED TO WORK FOR THE KINGDOM
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B-BUT I THOUGHT THAT IF ANYONE LEARNED ABOUT MY FAMILY I'D BE FIRED

SO THAT'S WHY IFOCA'S PARENTS WERE CAUTIOUS
I SEE
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LATELY THOSE DEMONIC BEASTS HAVE BEEN APPEARING NEAR THE FARMS AND YET NONE OF THE OFFICIALS ARE DOING ANYTHING...
SO I CAME HERE TO TALK TO MY PARENTS...
CAPTAIN T-T-THAT'S
THAT SOUNDS TOUGH. YOU'VE DONE WELL, IFOCA
AH UM... I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AS WELL FOR HELPING US
HMM? OH, IT'S FINE. I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU FOR TREATING MY WOUND.
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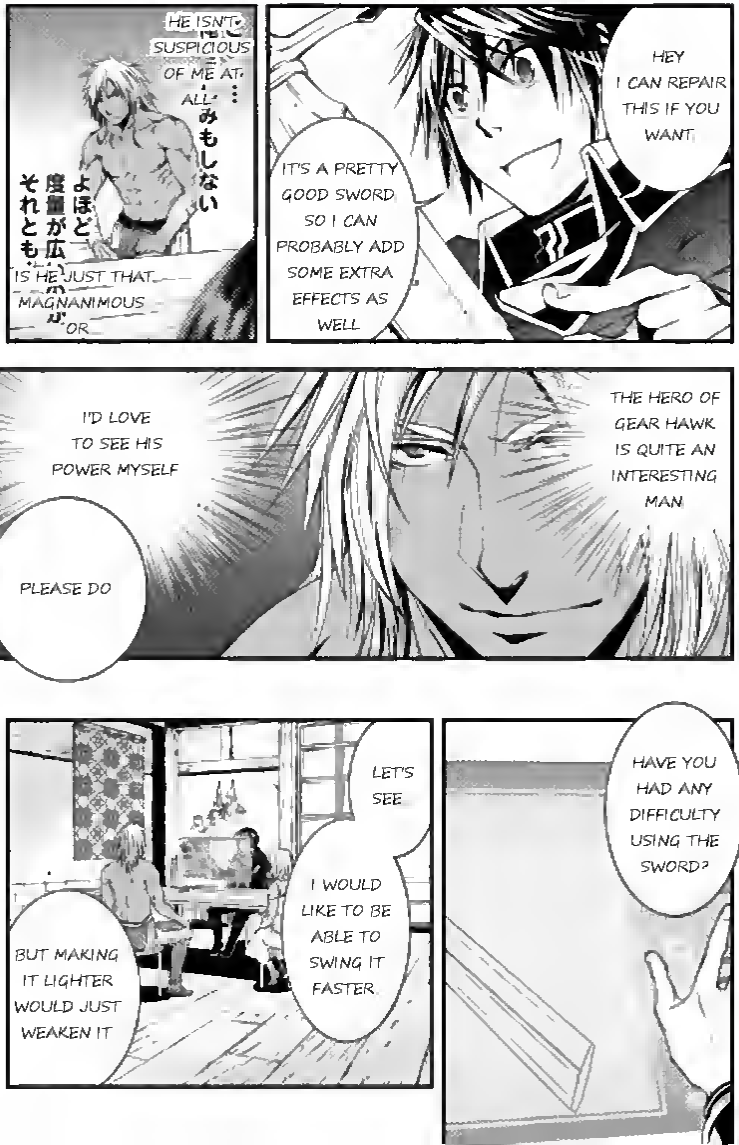
I KNEW IT. HE REALLY IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS...

A PERSON WITHOUT POWER TRAVELING?
HEY, IS THAT SWORD REAL?
I'M SHINHA.
I'M A TRAVELER I JUST WANDER AROUND EVERYWHERE.
IS HE CONCERNED THAT I'M ARMED?
YEAH, IT IS.
I HADN'T SEEN A PROPER LOOKING SWORD LIKE THAT BEFORE.
OH, THANKS.
HE'S FINE WITH DRINKING THAT TEA? DOES HE NOT CARE ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN STATUS?

REALLY? CAN I?
OH, IT'S HEAVY!
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT?
THESE MATERIALS... THEY'RE EVEN RARER THAN CRYSTALS.
HMM? IS IT BROKEN?
WAIT... DO YOU MEAN
NO. I PASSED THROUGH BLUE GARDEN BEFORE COMING HERE
IT WASN'T FROM THE FIGHT JUST NOW, WAS IT?
YOU FOUGHT B-BLUE GARDEN'S SPIES?! AND ALL ON YOUR OWN?!
IT BROKE IN A FIGHT I GOT INTO WITH SOME GUYS WHO LOOKED LIKE WORKERS.
IN A GAME I WOULD'VE WANTED TO ENHANCE THIS SWORD.


HE ISN'T SUSPICIOUS OF ME AT ALL...
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よほど度量が広いか
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IS HE JUST THAT MAGNANIMOUS OR
HEY I CAN REPAIR THIS IF YOU WANT
IT'S A PRETTY GOOD SWORD SO I CAN PROBABLY ADD SOME EXTRA EFFECTS AS WELL
THE HERO OF GEAR HAWK IS QUITE AN INTERESTING MAN
I'D LOVE TO SEE HIS POWER MYSELF
PLEASE DO
LET'S SEE
I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SWING IT FASTER
BUT MAKING IT LIGHTER WOULD JUST WEAKEN IT
HAVE YOU HAD ANY DIFFICULTY USING THE SWORD?

I SEE. I SEE.
A WEAPON THIS GOOD IS ALWAYS WORTH ENHANCING.
HMM, THIS SHOULD DO IT.
AND APPLY.
WHAT'S THIS LIGHT?
I HAVEN'T SEEN A DIVINE ART LIKE THIS BEFORE.
A HEALING EFFECT?
HERE. I ALSO ADDED A HEALING EFFECT SO THAT WOUND SHOULD HEAL.

T-THIS IS !
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さっき色々聞いたのは世間話なんかじゃない……
SO THAT WASN'T JUST IDLE CHATTER
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REQUEST
AS YOU REQUESTED I KEPT THE STRENGTH OF ITS ATTACKS THE SAME
WHILE INCREASING THE SPEED OF THOSE ATTACKS IT'S ALSO MORE DURABLE SO IT SHOULDN'T BREAK SO EASILY ANYMORE
I'D LIKE TO TEST IT OUT

ALRIGHT, I'LL MAKE SOME TARGETS
IT HASN'T GOTTEN ANY LIGHTER, YET IT CLEARLY SWINGS FASTER

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
THAT SWORD IS PRETTY WELL MADE.
AMAZING YOU CAN EVEN MAKE THIS SORT OF STUFF...
BUT TESTING A SWORD ON SOMETHING THIS HARD IS A LITTLE-
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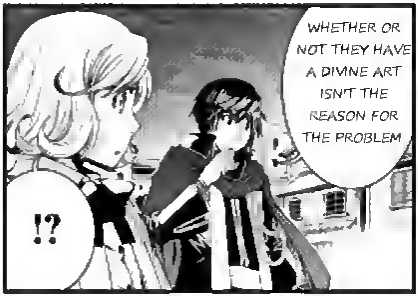
OOH! THAT'S GREAT!

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE SURPRISED HERE.
THIS SWORD IS JUST AMAZING.
I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS IS IT REALLY FINE TO GIVE SOMEONE YOU JUST MET SOMETHING THIS GREAT THOUGH?
BESIDES, I'M JUST A POWERLESS MAN.
I'M NOT SO PREJUDICED THAT I'D JUDGE PEOPLE BY THAT.
WELL, JUST THINK OF IT AS A THANKS FOR SAVING MY SUBORDINATE'S PARENTS
HEH

YOU'RE AN INTERESTING DIVINE ARTIST
I'M SHINHA TRUIYARD FROM THE KINGDOM OF GAZETTA
I PROMISE TO GIVE YOU MY STRENGTH ONE DAY
I LOOK FORWARD TO THEN
WE'LL BE RETURNING TO THE GUARDROOM WHAT WILL YOU DO?
MY WOUND'S HEALED SO I'LL SPEND THE NIGHT HERE AND RESUME TRAVELING

WELL WE SHOULD RETURN NOW.
HE SEEMS LIKE HE'D BE GREAT AS THE VANGUARD
YES.
GOODBYE HERO YUUSUKE I HOPE TO MEET YOU AGAIN
SAY, THE POWERLESS PEOPLE SEEM FINE AROUND YOU IFOCA
I WAS RAISED HERE SINCE I WAS YOUNG...
ARE THERE NO OTHER OFFICIALS THAT GET ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE HERE?
THEY GET THE SHORT END OF THE STICK?
HUH?
YES
EVERYONE HERE DISL- FEARS THE OFFCIALS...
WHENEVER THERE'S TROUBLE THE POWERLESS PEOPLE ALWAYS...

IN THIS COUNTRY, THE PEOPLE ARE BLESSED BY THE GODS AND POSSESS POWER GRANTED BY THEM.
THUS THEY DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THE POWERLESS PEOPLE WHO DON'T POSSESS A DIVINE ART


WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE A DIVINE ART ISN'T THE REASON FOR THE PROBLEM
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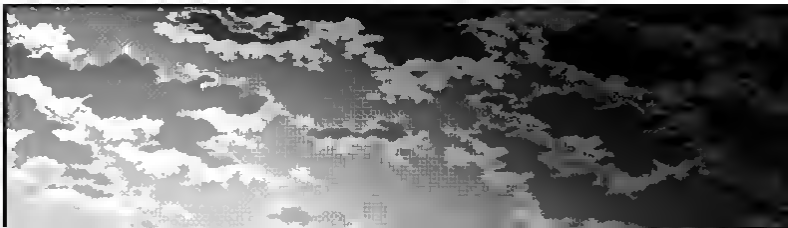
HAVING A RELIGION INVOLVED MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT.
BUT I CAN'T EXACTLY JUST IGNORE THEM IF A DEMONIC BEAST APPEARS AGAIN...

CAPTAIN?
IT'S THEIR STATUS THAT'S THE ISSUE.
CUTTING CORNERS WHEN IT COMES TO MAINTAINING ORDER IS BAD



FORTRESS CITY PAULA
I WAS ALSO QUITE SURPRISED
I NEARLY ENDED UP LIKE THE WIND TROUPE
I SEE SO YUUSUKE'S DOING WELL
BUT IT HAS TAKEN SOME OF THEIR ATTENTION AWAY FROM WATCHING ME
THEY OBVIOUSLY NEED TO HURRY AND RESTORE THE STRENGTH OF THEIR ELITE TEAM
STILL, JUST FROM THE NEWS ON GEAR HAWK FORTRESS IT SOUNDS LIKE A FEARSOME POWER

I'LL BE SEEING THE WATER PRIESTESS QUEEN SOON
THE FIRST METROPOLIS, COFTA IS IT?
BLUE GARDEN WAS ORIGINALLY A SMALL KINGDOM FORMED BY THE FOLLOWERS OF THE SHALNAR TEMPLE IN THE MOUNTAINS
THE FIRST METROPOLIS IS THE CITY AT THE SUMMIT, COFTA. IT IS RULED BY THE QUEEN WHO COMMANDS GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE AND THE TEMPLE LOCATED THERE
CURRENTLY SUPREME COMMANDER IZAPPNAR CONTROLS NEARLY THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT FROM THE SECOND METROPOLIS THE FORTIFIED CITY PAULA.
BUT THE WATER PRIESTESS QUEEN STILL POSSESSES GREAT INFLUENCE AND POPULARITY AMONG THE POPULACE, SO HE CANNOT IGNORE HER

OKAY, GOT IT
I'LL BE OBSERVING THIS PLACE AS WELL FOR YOU
WHILE THE QUEEN AND IZAPPNAR DON'T SEEM TO BE HOSTILE THEIR POLICIES AND OPINIONS DIFFER GREATLY
I'LL BE LOOKING FOR CHANCES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BLUE GARDEN SOON
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT I GOT A PAYMENT FROM YUUSUKE FOR THAT
SORRY ABOUT THAT YOU STILL HAVE YOUR ORIGINAL JOB AS WELL
INDEED THIS FISH HOOK IS VERY GOOD
A PAYMENT?
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